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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs;

With all due respect any settlement between Microsoft and The United States is doomed to failure for several reasons. First and foremost, Microsoft has not and will not change what and how they do things, no matter what the judgement is, unless a tremendous amount of force is brought to bear, probably more force than the government apparently is willing to use.

They will continue to dump "free" software, which is not truly free but which has the cost bundled with their products, and thereby damage and destroy competitors, much as other countries have tried to dump steel and microchips in our markets.

Microsoft will continue to bundle these "free" items with their operating systems, giving them a tremendous advantage over competitors, even when those same competitors have better products but which are not "free" and are not available by default.

They will continue to modify their operating system so that competing products do not work as well as their own products.

There are other issues, but this should be sufficient. Give up, you have lost, and you and I must learn to live in a Microsoft world with limited choices and limited freedoms.

Sincerely,
James Clements